

DAVID BARTLETT.

MARCH 5, 1840.

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Mr. DOAN, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of David Bartlett, report :*

The petitioner represents that he enlisted as a soldier on the 12th of May, 1814, in the 23d regiment of United States infantry, under Captain Peter Mills, at the city of Utica, New York, for during the war with Great Britain ; and that he was honorably discharged, at Sackett's Harbor, on the 17th of May, 1815, by Captain F. Brown, of the same regiment, after having served out the full time for which he enlisted : that on the 25th of July, 1814, he was in the battle of Bridgewater, Upper Canada ; and, in the battle on that day, he received a cannister shot through his left thigh, which fractured the bone, and injured the nerves, tendons, and blood-vessels : he also received an injury in the foot, part of which was carried away, by the bursting of a shell ; and the foot, in consequence of which, is now deformed and useless, and the leg, up to the knee, much emaciated : at the same time, he received a bayonet wound in the side, in consequence of which his general health is materially impaired. The degree of disability continuing to increase, the petitioner is rendered incapable of performing any kind of manual labor for the support of himself and family. Appended to which petition is a copy of a certificate from the Department of War, of W. H. Crawford, stating that the petitioner, David Bartlett, was a private in the company of Captain F. Brown, of the 23d regiment of United States infantry, and that his name is inscribed on the pension list at the rate of eight dollars per month, commencing on the 18th of May, 1815.

The petitioner is not of the opinion that the annuity he now receives is commensurate with the wounds and injuries he received while in the service of his country, and asks further relief : to all of which the petitioner is sworn.

Three physicians and surgeons, as it appears, of reputable character, confirm the statement of the petitioner, and consider his disability as total, and the amount of annuity at present received by him from Government not commensurate with the injuries he sustained.

The certificates of three other physicians are appended, who are of the opinion that the degree of disability is extreme, and that the petitioner is, by his wounds, &c., entirely incapacitated for the performance of manual labor, and that his annuity should be increased to thirty dollars per month : to which they are also qualified.

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